

CASE No. 9

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN ARTICLE 79 OF THE 1961 CODE OF A PROVISION FOR SUPPRESSION OF NAMES FOR PURPOSES OF THE LAW OF HOMONYMY ALONE. (Z.N.(S.) 1554)

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Article 79 specifies that names can be suppressed (1) for purposes of both the Laws of Priority and Homonymy, or (2) for purposes of the Law of Priority alone. It might, incidentally, be useful to state in somewhat simpler terms than are there used that the first course serves to free the same name of later date for a different taxon, whereas the second serves to free a different name of later date for the same taxon.

In addition and more importantly, however, provision should be made for suppression of names for purposes of the Law of Homonymy alone in order to free the same name of later date for a different taxon without loss of the earlier name. For example, in the situation wherein *A-us a-us* A. 1915 became *B-us a-us* in 1916, in family A, used consistently to 1960, and *A-us a-us* B. 1916 became *C-us a-us* in 1917 in family B, used consistently to 1960, the best solution to prevent disruption of established nomenclature would be to suppress *A-us a-us* A. 1915 for purposes solely of the Law of Homonymy, thus permitting *A-us a-us* A. 1915 (= *B-us a-us*) to be used as well as *A-us a-us* B. 1916 (= *C-us a-us*).